



American Red Cross

Southern Maryland Chapter

Who We Are:



The Southern Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross serves the citizens living in Tri-County area. We are located in Southern Maryland. Our physical boundaries are the Potomac River, and include the Counties of Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's. The chapter is centrally located in the county seat of La Plata.

Our original charter was issued in November 1917. Our 80 years of continuous service have been provided by our volunteers. Red Cross volunteers provide the leadership, strength and energy to the chapter.

RED CROSS SERVICES

- We are proud of the wide range of services that we provide to our community:
 - Emergency Assistance to victims of fires, storms, and other disasters, as well as community education to prevent and prepare for emergencies
 - Emergency communications and assistance to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families
 - Provision of safe blood and blood products to more than 80 area hospitals for cancer patients, accident victims, and others in need
 - Teach and certify people in lifesaving skills such as CPR, first aid, and life-guarding
 - Train people in swimming, nursing assistance, crime avoidance, HIV and AIDS prevention, childcare, and other health and safety related areas
 - International tracing services for people who have lost touch with family members due to war, natural disasters, and other calamities
- Community Educators are available to talk on a wide variety of subjects

RED CROSS ACHIEVEMENTS

Southern Maryland January 2006 ---- Thank you Southern Maryland for the time, money and blood that you donated to the American Red Cross this year. These precious commodities are what fuel the mission of our organization and strengthen our ability to help families recover from disaster and other emergencies.

It was a record year for disasters in 2005. We had the biggest international disaster response and the largest domestic disaster response. Our 824 Red Cross units around the country responded to the largest number of total disasters in the history of the organization, some 73,000.

The Southern Maryland responded locally to more than 50 fires and other disasters, sent over 50 volunteers to the Gulf States to help with the hurricane relief effort, and provided food and shelter to over 300 evacuees who fled their damaged homes and sought comfort in Southern Maryland.

This was also a record year for generosity, with Americans donating more than over \$2.5 billion to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and the International Response Fund. People in Southern Maryland donated over \$1,800,000 to these funds, and sent a powerful message: that people in Southern Maryland care.

- The Southern Maryland Chapter has been awarded custody of an Emergency Communications Response Vehicle.(ECRV). This is a 40' fifth wheel trailer capable of providing a self contained communications platform, class room, or briefing room at a disaster site. It is equipped with state of the art Satellite communications, TV and audio visual equipment, and other radio's used by the American Red Cross during a disaster event.

American Red Cross Month, 2006 ---- A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

Throughout our Nation's history, Americans have worked together to care for those in need. The work of the American Red Cross

exemplifies this tradition and reflects the good heart of our country. This year during American Red Cross Month, we recognize this organization for its 125 years of faithful service to our Nation and for its continued mission to help those in need at home and abroad.

Since Clara Barton founded the organization in 1881, the American Red Cross has offered aid and disaster relief to millions of individuals. From conducting blood drives and arranging family communications and other forms of support for our troops to providing relief for victims of natural disasters, the American Red Cross carries out emergency response around the globe. Local chapters help American communities respond to regional catastrophes and promote emergency preparedness with American Red Cross First Aid and CPR courses. Members of these chapters serve their communities by visiting homebound seniors, mentoring youth, distributing hot lunches, volunteering at homeless shelters, and offering transitional housing. They also educate young people on violence and substance abuse prevention and help in hospitals and nursing homes.

In 2005, a devastating hurricane season left millions displaced and homeless. The American Red Cross network of more than 800 chapters and thousands of volunteers provided food, shelter, counseling, and care to more than a million Gulf Coast families. Working in coordination with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the American Red Cross has also assisted with relief efforts for victims of hurricanes and landslides in Latin America and the recent earthquake in South Asia.

By donating their time and energy to selflessly serve others, American Red Cross volunteers demonstrate the compassion and generosity for which Americans are known. Their service paves the way to a brighter future for our citizens and people around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America and Honorary Chairman of the American Red Cross, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2006 as American Red Cross Month. I commend the good work of the American Red Cross, and I encourage all Americans to continue to help the recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast region and around the world through volunteering their time, energy, and talents for others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and

of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

GEORGE W. BUSH

HOW YOU CAN HELP

GET INVOLVED...

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by its volunteers. Volunteers play a vital role in fulfilling the Red Cross mission of preparedness, prevention, and response to emergencies. American Red Cross of Southern Maryland volunteers make it possible for us to service 3 counties in the area of Health & Safety and Response & Emergency Communication. They provide administrative support for our headquarters' building in La Plata and our community facilities located in Prince Frederick, Leonardtown, and NAS Pax River. In addition to these primary roles, our dedicated volunteers participate in special events that help the Chapter raise funds, provide community awareness, and promote safety! Contact info - 888 276 2767 or Receptionist@SOMDRedCross.org.

DONATE

The following items are needed to support the local Southern Maryland Chapter programs:

Glass display case for first aid kits (Approx. 56 w x 24 d x 84 h or smaller)

LCD Projectors (3) for classroom training

Warehouse space for Disaster Supplies (1 year commitment)

Min 500 Sq ft (Calvert County Area preferably)

3 Generator (large and small) Large to power HQ building

Generator trailer and transfer switch for Chapter

Storage containers (Large Rubbermaid type 24 + gal with lids) for Disaster Shelter kits

Heavy duty shelving 12-18" wide

Color Laser printer (high capacity)

Two way radio units (Low, VHF, UHF, or 800)

13" portable DVD/TV (6) combos for training

3 25+" televisions for Disaster monitoring

Vehicle Maintenance for our 5 vehicles

LCD 17" monitors for desktop computers

Desktop computers (Pentium 4 with 512 ram or better) with CD
RW/DVD RW

Laptop computers to provide remote field Disaster Services
Office Chairs (newer fully working)

4X4 tow vehicle for towing 17' trailers loaded with cots and
blankets for shelters

If you would like to donate any of these items please contact

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